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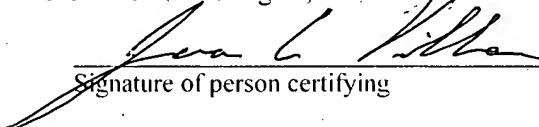
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified issued patent as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 19 through 28:

19(new). A humidor comprising:

a container having a height, width, and depth;

an environmental control unit within said container;

said container having one or more transparent surfaces permitting viewing of the interior thereof;